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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, MOPS, PINR, BF, US, CU

SUBJ: POSSIBLE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN BAHAMIAN POLICE BOAT
AND CUBAN GUN BOAT

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN ADVISED BY AUTEC THAT GCOB POLICE BOAT
ARRIVED THIS AM AT AUTEC DOWN RANGE SITE 7 (SOUTH ANDROS)
WITH 14 CUBAN PRISONERS ON BOARD.

2. GCOB POLICE ON BOAT INFORMED SITE LEADER THAT POLICE
BOAT HAD DISCOVERED THREE CUBAN FISHING VESSELS IN BAHAMIAN
WATERS (EXACT TIME AND LOCATION UNKNOWN). THEY STATED THAT
BEFORE THEY COULD COMPLETE CAPTURE THEY WERE "RUN OFF" BY
A CUBAN GUN BOAT AND THAT POSSIBLY THERE WAS A CUBAN HELO
GUNSHIP IN THE AREA.

3. GCOB MINEXTAFF PERMSEC RUSSEL WHEN INFORMED THIS MORNING
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OF ABOVE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE HAS BEEN AN INCIDENT OF SOME

TYPE, BUT SAID DETAILS ARE STILL HAZY. HE HAS REQUESTED THAT ANY USCG UNITS IN THE AREA BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THIS GUNBOAT AND OBTAIN PHOTOS IF POSSIBLE.

4. PERHAPS NOT COINCIDENTALLY, DTNSRDC BETHESDA WHO OPERATES MONAB IN EXUMA SOUND, REPORTS THAT ON AUGUST 17, 1976, MONAB EXPERIENCED ACOUSTIC INTERFERENCE BY A QUOTE 140 FOOT, BLACK-HULLED GUNBOAT WITH GUN MOUNTED FORWARD UNQUOTE. BOAT WAS EVALUATED BY MONAB AS A GCOB POLICE BOAT. IN FACT, GCOB POLICE BOATS ARE 60 FOOT BLUE-HULLED VOSPERS WITH WHITE SUPER-STRUCTURE AND RED STACK AND WITH NO GUN MOUNTED FORWARD, AND NONE WERE IN EXUMA SOUND AUG. 17.

5. EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED CCGDSEVEN TO TAKE ACTION REQUESTED BY GCOB IN PARA 3 ABOVE ON A ROUTINE PATROL BASIS AND HAS REQUESTED DTNSRDC TO ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL DATA ON EXUMA SOUND INCIDENT.

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